

## **Type Approval of Vehicles other than Buses**

The purpose of Type Approval is to approve a sample vehicle whose specifications, design and construction will serve as the reference of all new vehicles of the identical make and model imported for sale by an authorized agent / distributor.

- 1 Vehicles required to be Type Approved  
Only the first of a new make and model of the vehicle imported for sale by the authorized agent / distributor.
- 2 Vehicles not required to be Type Approved
  - 2.1 Private cars imported by individuals for self-use or sale.
  - 2.2 Private cars imported for self-use or sale by any firm / organization which is not the authorized agent / distributor.
  - 2.3 All vehicles not required to be type approved are required to be presented for a Pre-registration Examination
- 3 Application for Type Approval
  - 3.1 Application in letter should be made to Engineer/Vehicle Approval & Planning, Motor Vehicle Safety and Standards Division, Transport Department.
  - 3.2 The application letter should be accompanied with :
    - 3.2.1 A copy of engine noise compliance letter from Environmental Protection Department. (Enquiries to Environmental Protection Department - Tel. (852) 2411 9665 (Noise Emission))
    - 3.2.2 A copy of engine emission compliance letter from Environmental Protection Department. (Enquiries to Environmental Protection Department - Tel. (852) 2594 6332 (Exhaust Emission))
    - 3.2.3 A brake circuit diagram.
    - 3.2.4 A drawing to show length, width, height, and wheel span of the vehicle.
    - 3.2.5 An illustration to show how to read the Vehicle Identification Number (V.I.N.) and identify the make and model.
    - 3.2.6 Complete set of Vehicle Specifications
    - 3.2.7 Information regarding Vehicle Construction Approval Requirements for Electric Vehicles.
- 4 Type Approval Examination
  - 4.1 When the application is found in order, the approving officer will advise the applicant to present a sample vehicle to Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre for an examination to confirm the compliance with the details provided in the application.
  - 4.2 A Type Approval Certificate will be issued if the vehicle passes the

examination.

## 5 Pre-registration Examination

5.1 A pre-registration examination is required of:

5.1.1 Vehicles imported by individual for self-use or sale.

5.1.2 Vehicles imported by any firm/organization which is not the authorized agent / distributor.

5.1.3 All imported used vehicles.

5.1.4 Vehicles with bodies which have not been type-approved, e.g. locally built/modified bodies.

5.2 The vehicle owner is first required to apply to Environmental Protection Department for an Engine Noise Compliance Letter and an Engine Emission Compliance Letter. The application is required to be supported by an engine noise test report and an engine emission test report issued by an approved laboratory. (Enquiries to Environmental Protection Department - Tel. (852) 28770448 (Exhaust Emission); Tel. (852) 2411 9665 (Noise Emission)). For Electric Vehicle (EV) and Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV), prior approval from EPD has to be granted in respect of charging standards and electrical safety.

5.3 Application for pre-registration examination and booking of the examination appointment may be made at To Kwa Wan Vehicle Examination Centre (Link to section 2.2.). This application may be made while applying for the Engine Noise Compliance Letter and the Engine Emission Compliance Letter, but copies of the engine noise and engine emission test reports are required to support the application.

5.4 The vehicle owner is required to show both the original Engine Noise Compliance Letter and Engine Emission Compliance Letter when the vehicle is presented for the Pre-registration Examination. Failure to show these letters will render the Examination failed.

5.5 A Certificate of Roadworthiness will be issued if the vehicle passes the examination.

(In regard to the information of type approval of Electric Vehicles, please refer to the following guidelines):

[https://www.td.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content\\_4808/ta\\_req\\_ev\\_01.pdf](https://www.td.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_4808/ta_req_ev_01.pdf)

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